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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 9300 East Hampton Drive Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Re: Reply Comments of LaGrange Broadcasting Corp. in FM Rulenaking allocation Docket 02-248, Smiley, Texas

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Transmitted herewith is an original and four copies of the above captioned Reply Codments as directed to the Assistant Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau.

It is requested that the attached copy marked "FILE" be date-stamped and returned to us in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Should any additional information be required, please contact this office.

Very Xruly yours,

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Before The FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of) MB Docket No. 02-24	8
endment of Section 73.202(b)) RM-10537	
FM Broadcast Stations Smiley, Texas)	

To: Assistant Chief, Audio Division Media Bureau

REPLY COMMENTS OF LAGRANGE BROADCASTING CORPORATION

On June 11, 2003, the Commission released a Public Notice in this docket (report No. 2609) listing the counterproposal of LBR Enterprises, Inc, and inviting Reply Comments. LaGrange Broadcasting Corporation, licensee of radio station KYKM(FM) in Yoakum, Texas, herewith submits its Comments and Opposition to the proposal of LBR Enterprises, Inc, (RM-10710) as set forth therein.

In its Public Notice, the Commission suggested further consideration of LBR's proposal which, as an essential part, includes the proposed change of channel and relocation of the transmitter site of KYKM. Reference to the record of this case will confirm that Lagrange had in fact promised full cooperation with new Ulm Broadcasting Company (a sister company wholly co-owned along with LaGrange by Roy E. Henderson) in a proposal submitted by New Ulm which proposed several changes in the allocation table, including inter alia a change in channel and transmitter location for KYKM. This agreement was solely between

New Ulm and LaGrange and solely as part of the counterproposal submitted by New Ulm. To the extent that adoption of the New Ulm proposal would have also benefited the desires of LBR that would have been a serendipitous side-benefit to LBR and of no concern to LaGrange.

But, for reasons not indicated in the Public Notice, the Commission declined to publish the New Ulm Counterproposal, and the only counterproposal included in the Public Notice was that of LBR. It is noted here that LBR has never requested consent from LaGrange to change its channel or to move its transmitter site and no such consent to LBR or LBR's counterproposal appears at any place in the record of this case. LaGranges's consent was only with New Ulm, as part of New Ulm's proposal and absent adoption of that proposal by New Ulm, there is no consent by LaGrange to anyone else to a change in channel or relocation of the KYKM transmitter site.

Although LaGrange is aware that, under certain circumstances, the Commission will require an involuntary change of channel without consent of the affected station, it is not aware of such unconsented, forced change in an existing station's transmitter site location. As the Commission stated in Amendment of Table of Allotments, Claremore, Oklahoma et. al., 4 FCC Rcd 2181 (1989)

We believe that the staff was justified in not requiring a station to involuntarily relocate its transmitter site...An involuntary transmitter relocation would require the issuance of an Order to Show Cause directed against the licensee of [the] Station...and a possible subsequent hearing. We

continue to believe that a Commission compelled transmitter site relocation requires an unusually strong and compelling showing that the public interest gains substantially outweigh the administrative difficulties as well as the ensuing impact upon the affected station and the public.

In sum, the Lagrange agreement to change channel and transmitter location was an agreement with New Ulm Broadcasting and only with New Ulm Broadcasting. It has no other such agreement or consent with LBR or any other party. Absent adoption of the New Ulm counterproposal, there is no agreement by LaGrange existent in this case to change its channel or to change its transmitter site and, although under Commission precedent, it may not be able to resist a forced, adequately compensated change in channel, it most vigorously opposes and objects to any proposal to force it to change transmitter site, without its agreement or consent and over its objection.

Wherefore, to the extent that the LBR proposal relies upon a proposed change in the transmitter location of KYKM in Yoakum,

Texas, without the agreement, consent, or concurrence of LaGrange Broadcasting Corporation, Lagrange objects to further consideration or adoption of the LBR Counterproposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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I, Robert J. Buenzle, do hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Reply Comments Of LaGrange Broadcasting Corporation have been served by United States mail, postage prepaid this 26th day of June, 2003, upon the following:

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